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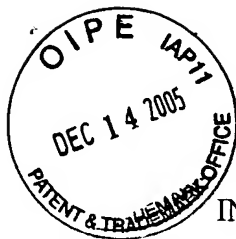
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed within three months of the date of the entry of the national stage, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491, in an international application.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The above-identified U.S. application claims priority to PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US2004/009619. If the Examiner has not had the benefit of review of the file history of PCT/US2004/009619, then he/she is asked to contact the undersigned, who will provide a copy of same.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report dated August 26, 2004 from corresponding International Application PCT/US2004/009619.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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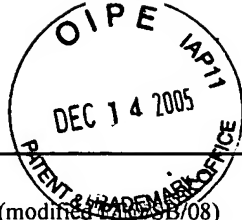


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